

Patent
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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of June 13, 2007

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

**Please delete the title as submitted and substitute therewith
the following:**

-- METHOD FOR EVALUATING A BONUS FROM AUTHORIZED PLAYBACKS OF A
RECORDING ON A DEVICE OTHER THAN A DEVICE USED TO MAKE THE
RECORDING -- .

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 21,
with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with ~~the measures of claim 2, claim 6 and claim 11~~ an embodiment of the present system, the advantage is achieved that the user of the recording device comes to enjoy a bonus through the authorizing device only when the user of the playback device has also actually paid for playing back the chargeable film. Misuse of the bonus system is thereby effectively avoided.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 25,
with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with ~~the measures of claim 3, claim 7 and claim 13~~ an embodiment of the present system, the advantage is achieved that such inquiries via data lines of the Internet can be carried out in a particularly cost-effective and simple way.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 28,
with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with ~~the measures of claim 4 and claim 12~~ an embodiment of the present system, the advantage is achieved that

the authorizing device logically combines the user data identifying the user of the system with the recorder identification information items identifying the recording devices and/or playback devices of the user. A plurality of units (for example two DVD units, a DVHS unit and a computer) can therefore advantageously participate for one user in the pay per view system.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with ~~the measures of claim 8~~ an embodiment of the present system, the advantage is achieved that the bonus information item is determined in accordance with the snowball principle. When a first recording carrier has been copied from a first user with a first recording device onto a second recording carrier, and this second recording carrier has been passed on to a second user and has been copied from the latter with a second recording device onto a third recording carrier, the recorder identification information items of the first and of the second recording devices are stored on the third recording carrier. When this third recording carrier is now played back by a playback device of a further user of the pay per view system, both the first

and the second recorder identification information items of the first and second recording devices are then transferred to the authorizing device, and taken into account when determining the bonus information item for the users of the first and the second recording devices.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with the measures of claim 9 an embodiment of the present system, the advantage is achieved that the playback device is additionally suitable for recording a chargeable film and for providing a copy of the recording carrier.